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## SACRED CONGREGATION WARNS VOTERS OF 'DANGER'

As the Soviet tentacles tightened their grip on Czechoslovakia and are reaching out more menacingly towards Italy, the Sacred Consistorial Congregation, of which the Holy Father himself is Prefect, warned Italian Catholic voters that they are in conscience bound to go to the polls at the general election on April 18 and vote in defence of morality and religion.

The decree recalls this warning by the Holy Father last September:

"A heavy responsibility weighs on whoever, man or woman, enjoys political rights to vote, above all where religious interests are at stake. Abstention in this case is in itself—let them know it full well—a grave and mortal sin of omission."

The decree of the Sacred Congregation reads:

"The Sacred Consistorial Congregation, in consideration of the dangers to which religion and public welfare are exposed, the gravity of which calls for the united collaboration of all honest people, warns all those who have the right to vote—of whatever condition, sex, or age, without exception—that they are in conscience strictly and gravely obliged to use that right."

"Catholics must give their vote only to those candidates or lists of candidates in which there is the certainty that they will respect and defend the observance of the Divine Law and the rights of religion and of the Church in both private and public life."

### SANCTIONS

The decree followed election warnings by two more Italian Cardinals, Cardinal Fossati (Turin) and Cardinal Ruffini (Palermo), who instructed the faithful to support candidates offering "the most secure guarantees from the Catholic point of view."

Cardinal Ruffini's letter advocates the impositions of the same religious sanctions on Communists or "Marxist Socialists" as did the recent letter by Cardinal Schuster (Milan).

Cardinal Schuster said that absolution must be refused to Communists and to members of movements against the Faith in cases where they formally adhere to the errors contained in these doctrines.

A commission of six Archbishops and Bishops under Cardinal Pizzardo called on Catholic Action members to play a leading part in the elections and to do all in their power to set up and defend "human and Christian values."

In London it became known that it is believed in Whitehall that Italy is the next country on the Russian list for Communist domination.

### 'LAST DITCH'

But already a new Catholic organisation was preparing Italy's 300 dioceses to repel the Red threat.

"Italian Catholics regard the elections as a last ditch stand, and to fight this battle the National Civic Committee—far above Catholic Action in numbers, scope and purpose—has been formed," said Prof. Luigi Gedda, its president, in Rome.

The new committee embraces in addition to Catholic Action and other groups, all clergy, religious both men and women, and the unorganised laity.

Its aim is to inculcate the civil and

moral obligation of voting and to do away with absentees and abstainers.

Prof. Gedda explained that in the recent municipal elections at Pescara, where the results favoured the Communists, between 20 and 30 per cent. did not vote.

"We must instruct many inexperienced people how to cast their ballot," he said.

"Communists in the past have taught voters how to mark ballots in such a way as to make them void."

By last month, the National Civic Committee was organised in 200 of Italy's 300 dioceses. Organisations should now be complete.

This is how the organisation works. Within the parishes there are "sectors"—embracing neighbourhoods or economic units like factories.

Below these there are nuclei concerned with families, apartment houses and similar small units, making it possible to contact each voter individually.

### NEWS SERVICE

The committee has its own news service, is conducting a big poster campaign and is making five films.

Public address systems are also being used.

The choice which confronts Italy is summed up by Vatican Radio:

"It is useless to conceal the true character of the Popular Front. It is an instrument aimed at paving the way to Marxist dictatorship, a fundamentally anti-religious dictatorship."

Significant is "The Times", London report that among the Communist delegates who were understood to have held secret meetings in Warsaw last month was the former Italian Ambassador there, Signor Reale, a leading Red executive in Italy.

Several prominent European Communists, who last September took part in the Warsaw conference inaugurating the Cominform, are said to have been present.

Signor Reale afterwards left Warsaw for Prague. His visit to Poland was not reported in the Polish Press.

### OTHER FRONTS

This is the news from other Red fronts:

**HUNGARY:** Religious broadcasts on the State controlled radio have been cancelled. A *Short History of the Catholic Church*, used in elementary schools has been confiscated.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA:** The Papal Nuncio at Prague, Mgr. Saverio Ritter has arrived in Italy to stay for some days with friends, says an Italian report.

Archbishop Berani, of Prague, ex-concentration camp prisoner who was forced to sweep the streets during the war, exhorted the faithful to pray fervently for the preservation of peace and calmness in the nation.

**CHINA:** Fr. Oscar Conard, missionary in the Jehol diocese for over 53 years, and a senior of the Scheut Fathers in the Far East, has died as the result of Communist ill treatment.

When the Communists conquered Ch'ao-yang in October, he was taken prisoner. He was severely beaten.

Fr. Conard was one of the last surviving missionaries who went through the Boxer Rebellion of 1900, when he repelled the persecutor's attacks and protected his mission.—*The Universe*.

## THE SPECTRE OVER EUROPE

R. H. S. Crossman, M.P., Discusses

Britain has been stirred by events in Prague more deeply than at any time since the Munich conference. "We must not make the same mistake again" is the refrain of numberless speeches and editorials.

There is a real danger that sympathy with the Czech people and horror of the consequences of appeasement in the 1930's will blind the British Government to the real lessons of the Communist seizure of power in Czechoslovakia.

If Stalin were indeed nothing but a second Hitler, the problem would be relatively simple. But is he? If Communism were nothing but Red thuggery, it could be relatively easily defeated. But is it?

It is not true that all we have to do in 1948 is to study our mistakes of 1938 and do the opposite.

### THE REAL LESSON

The real lesson of the Communist coup in Czechoslovakia has so far been overlooked. Czechoslovakia is the first Western democracy in which a Communist totalitarian state has been established. This was achieved completely bloodlessly. Democracy has been overthrown in a few hours without the firing of a single shot or even, apparently, the threat of armed force.

Not a scuffle in the street, not an aeroplane in the sky—hardly an arrest. Mr. Gottwald and Mr. Nosek have made Hitler and Mussolini look like clumsy amateurs.

Not until we compare the technique of Lenin in 1917, Hitler in 1933, and Gottwald in 1948, and observe the ascending scale of efficiency and precision in each seizure of power, shall we realise the menace with which we are faced.

A hundred years ago two young Germans fled to Paris from the Rhineland. It was the year of democratic revolutions, when the peoples all over Europe rose against their Government and fought at the barricades.

But these two Germans were not interested in such "infantile leftism." They looked ahead to a new sort of revolution, the "capture of the State" by a small, well-knit group of scientific revolutionaries, who know not only how to address mass meetings and to lead demonstrations, but how to organise the working class as a lever of revolution and thereby to capture the central organs of authority.

In 1848, when the word had only just been invented, Marx and Engels wrote: "The spectre of Communism hangs over Europe." To day this astounding prophecy has at last been fulfilled.

### 3-STAGE TECHNIQUE

The real spectre of Communism is not the threat of the Red Army or of mass insurrection—they are entirely out of date—but of the Communists' three-stage technique for the conquest of power.

1. Win control of the Trade Unions for quite legitimate democratic objectives;

2. Form an electoral pact with other Left Parties and take part in a coalition government, in which a Communist holds the key job of Minister of the Interior;

3. When the moment is ripe, extinguish "bourgeois liberty" in a few hours, without anything so vulgar as a military push.

The modern, highly centralised State cannot be overthrown by old-fashioned revolutionary methods, by erecting barricades, or by general strikes. Against such assaults it can easily defend itself. But it can be captured from inside, bloodlessly and unsensationally, by men who know their job and will carry through the three-stage plan. The men of the Communist Parties do know their job.

To understand the true lesson of Prague we have only to look at the situation in Italy. Here the Communists have already reached stage (1)—they control the trade unions and they hope soon to reach stage (2).

Democratic elections are taking place. They are fighting along with the Socialists as a single "Popular Front." This Front may emerge from the elections the strongest single parliamentary group and establish a Government, by quite legitimate and constitutional means.

From that moment it will always be possible for the Communists to put stage (3) of the plan into operation.

### HOW TO MEET IT

The real headache for statesmen in London and Washington is how to meet this danger. If the Italian Right were to suppress the Left by armed force, then they would be responsible for destroying democracy and for installing what would probably be as inefficient, corrupt, and reactionary a regime as the present Greek Government. This is no way to fight the battle against Communism.

Now look at the other alternative. If the "Popular Front" establishes a Left Coalition Government, like the Left Coalition in Prague, what should the Western Powers do?

If the Americans give Marshall aid, then at any moment they may find that that aid has gone to strengthen a country which has been suddenly transformed into a totalitarian member of the Eastern bloc.

But if Washington cuts off E.R.P. for Italy and thus produces economic collapse, then the Communists will carry out their coup on the excuse of forestalling a Right-wing rising.

Is Western democracy, then faced with an insoluble dilemma? Must we either destroy democracy in order to smash the Communist Party or else wait defenceless while the Communists put into operation their three-stage plan in one country after another?

No. There is a flaw in the argument. In no country of the Western Europe, including Italy and France, can the Communists achieve an electoral majority by themselves. Stage (2) of their plan can only be carried out if they persuade the Socialist parties to form a common electoral front and to share with them in a Coalition Government.

### OBVIOUS MORAL

It was through this device that the Communists first obtained the key positions in all the Eastern European countries and then used them to destroy  
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## NOTICE

## May Festival at Madhu

The May Festival at Madhu will take place on the 9th of May, preceded by 4 novenas beginning on the 5th of May.

Administrator of Madhu Church.

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APRIL 1948

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SAT.	... 10 S. Mechtildes.
SUN.	... 11 2 E.—S. Leo.
MON.	... 12 S. Julius.
TUES.	... 13 S. Hermenegild.
WED.	... 14 SOL. OF ST. JOSEPH.
THUR.	... 15 S. Peter Gons.
FRI.	... 16 S. B. J. Labre.

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THE LATE

FR. A. S. JOSEPH, O.M.I.

The news of the death of Fr. Joseph, for which most of us were so unprepared has come as a shock.

Of Fr. Joseph it can be said with truth that he was an ornament to the priesthood and to the religious congregation to which he belonged. Of Sillalai stock he had the faith, the living faith in his system and he had an enviable blend of cheerfulness, energy and vision that made him the conspicuous success he was at what proved to be his life's crown and vocation, St. Anthony's College, Kayts.

Many would have hesitated before embarking on his big scheme for St. Anthony's, few would have pursued so doggedly yet so quietly the ideal that glimmered before him and fewer still would or could have so unobtrusively surely rallied the support that became his as the years went by.

He will be missed at St. Anthony's for other reasons as well. Every Antonian bore the imprint of his training and personality. There was a quality of quietness, of noiselessness, of optimism, of poise and of virile Catholic faith and practice about his *alumni* that was unmistakable. While he never sought for popularity, his students loved and revered him and not least, one suspects, for the way he bore up under the many handicaps that are the inevitable lot of the pioneer.

His brother priests and friends in England, Ireland, France, Belgium and Ceylon will mourn his loss at an age when on a normal life expectancy he could be considered to have twenty years of active and fruitful Apostolate ahead of him. They will remember him for many things but especially one feels for the warmth of his devotion towards our Blessed Lady on whom he was ever ready to preach, even at short notice, in English, French or Tamil.

God rest this devoted priest and teacher and devoted client of Mary Immaculate.

What Mary's Mission  
Means to Me

## My Nunc Dimittis

I have attended retreats year after year. At school it was a retreat of three days. In the Parish Church we had retreats of a week. Occasionally there were missions of two or three weeks. Some preachers were young and handsome; most of them were old and venerable. With a few exceptions that were monotonous, dry and insipid, the majority of the sermons were inspiring and soul-stirring. Some of them, by their eloquence, nearly carried me off my feet and landed me thrilling on the threshold of heaven, or trembling at the abyss of hell. This little Island has had a galaxy of holy, able and eloquent preachers. Jaffna has heard its Bourdaloue, Bossuet, Massillon and Lacordaire.

But now comes a new preacher, the like of whom Jaffna or the Island has never seen or heard. Even in our wildest of dreams we could never have thought of having such an august preacher, as the Mother of God, Our Lady of Madhu, who is coming down to preach to us. She will not open her lips, but her eyes will speak and her heart will speak. From her *Koodu* she is going to call to me, "my child, you have gone astray, you are caught in the thorns of life, you bleed, you die. Come to me. I shall heal you and take you to my Divine Son. The ointment is the Rosary and acts of penance. Apply them daily."

At the same time, Mary will speak to Jesus for me. She will be my advocate. As she spoke at Cana for the distressed couple, she will speak for me to the heart of her Divine Son and change me from water into wine. But her injunction to the will be same as she gave to the servers, "Do what He tells you." And then the miracle will be worked.

I wonder why this special grace has been granted to me, of all persons. Others, thousands of others, would have longed to see this day; and they didn't. If this, perhaps, the last chance given to me of conversion? Am I tied down by such strong chains, that only she who crushed the serpent's head can set me free?

Like old Simeon who waited patiently in the Temple to see Christ and die, I too wait for the coming of the Mother of God. Then I shall sing my *nunc dimittis*. When the hour of departure finally strikes for me, may I add with the Little Flower,

Oh, Thou who can'st to smile on me,  
In the morning of life,  
Come, Mother, once again and smile,  
For lo, 'tis eventide.

My Lord Bishop of Jaffna, history will record great events during your episcopate. It will mention the new Cathedral, the Eucharistic Rallies, the Rosarian Monastery and the advance in Education and Catholic Action. As for myself, I shall remember your love of Our Lady and her Rosary and I shall cherish as your greatest gift to me and to the Diocese this Mary's Mission.

Refuge of Sinners,  
Pray for us

God did not become incarnate in the womb of Mary, without her free voluntary consent; and she by her own will co-operates in the work of our redemption thus associating herself intimately with our salvation. It is evident from the history given us by St. Luke of the Annunciation that this co-operation was asked for and obtained.

"And Mary said to the Angel: How shall this be done, because I know not man? And the angel answering said to her: The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee; and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee. And therefore also the Holy that shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." And Mary said: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word." Here manifestly is consent asked and consent given. There was then a moment when the salvation of the world depended on the consent of Mary. There could be no redemption, no satisfaction for sin, no grace obtained without the incarnation, and there could be no Incarnation without the free, voluntary consent of this humble Jewish Maiden. We cannot help feeling the deepest gratitude to Mary for this great condescension. Hence the important role she plays in the redemption of sinful man, hence the invocation 'Refuge of Sinners.' We are surrounded by countless dangers for our body and still more innumerable dangers for our soul. Beneath Mary's mantle is the safest place of refuge; there we will, indeed, be delivered from all dangers.

Mary is our proved remedy in temptation. St. Thomas of Villanova who was often frightfully assailed by the evil spirit gives the following salutary advice: "When temptations annoy us, we must do as the little chickens when they see a hawk; they hasten to hide themselves under the wing of their mother." So too, in the face of temptation, may we hasten to shelter ourselves under the protecting mantle of Mary. The course of a soul which trusts in the Blessed Virgin is ever the freest, the straightest, the most secure. We shall certainly conquer the world, the flesh and the devil, if we have recourse with confidence to this powerful Mother. Let us fly to her patronage in the moment of temptation. And when we have fallen into sin, let us approach her with sentiments of humility and self-accusation. She will save us from frequent lapses into sin. She will enable us to obtain the graces necessary to extricate ourselves from the mire of sin and to reconcile ourselves to our

Creator through the Sacrament of Penance. Those of us who have contracted the habit of sin; those of us who have become recidivists; those of us whose self-control and will power have been undermined by sinful excesses will derive through her intercession the strength that will successfully overpower these evil habits. Sainly writers aver that countless souls fall into Hell, souls tainted by the sin of impurity, as many as autumnal leaves that fall in 'Vallambrosa.' It is Mary again the emblem of purity, its very embodiment par excellence, who can reclaim the sinner from his impure inclinations and unchaste conduct. However sinful men may be, they need only that spirit of confidence in the Divine Mother and a sincere resolve to repent, to enable them to eschew sin and the inducements to sin.

A still more important consideration should here occur to the mind of the reader. One thing is certain: we must all die and on our death depends a happy or an unhappy eternity. We are uncertain as much of the hour our death as we are of the possession of sanctifying grace. One consolation, one security we have. If Mary intercedes for us, that hour and day will find us watching, ready. If we have sought her aid, she will have arranged all things to further our salvation she will have removed all dangers and obstacles, and provided every help. We want her to be our advocate in the presence of our Judge. To those who invoke her, Mary is the pledge of salvation at the hour of death.

Let these thoughts be present to our minds when the Virgin Mother, our own Lady of Madhu, visits us each in his own parish. Let us ask her for the grace of sincere repentance. Through her mediation, let the lover of redemption and complete forgiveness descend upon our souls thus restoring us to the favour of our Creator and bringing down her choicest blessings upon our homes. In past years we have made pilgrimages to her shrine there to implore for ourselves grace and forgiveness. The Blessed Mother has now deigned to bring these gifts to our very doors. We who have so often and so grievously offended her Divine Son are now lost in admiration of this great act of condescension.

"And even as children, who have much offended,  
A too indulgent Father, in great shame,  
Penitent, and yet not daring unattended  
To go into his presence, at the gate  
Speak with their sister, and confiding  
wait  
Till she goes in before and intercedes;  
So men repenting of their evil deeds,  
And yet not venturing rashly to draw  
near  
With their requests an angry Father's  
ear,  
Offer to her their prayers and their  
confession,  
And she for them in Heaven makes  
intercession."

(LONGFELLOW).

'Talk Will Not Make  
Heroes'

The Right Revd. Dr. Edmund Pieris, O.M.I., Bishop of Chilaw, referred to the lack of a sense of duty among members of village committees, when he addressed the All-Ceylon Village Committees' Conference held on Monday at the Roman Catholic School, Katuneriya.

He said that the chairman of a village committee was not a show piece to be exhibited on occasions, but one of the community who had freely taken upon himself to do a job for its welfare.

Bishop Pieris said the earliest form of human government was the family. Village government was based on the family model and the president or chairman was the father of the village and his committee were the elder brothers who co-operated with him in working for the village.

If a village committee was to succeed the chairman and his committee should be persons of good moral character imbued with a sense of responsibility. Those who obtained office by bribery were of no use. Bribers and the bribed were a menace to national security.

Now that Ceylon was free mistakes made had to be borne by the people of



the country. Failures could not be thrust on others.

Fine talk about the glorious past would not make heroes. The people should honestly set about their duties with their teeth set and fists clenched to build a happy, industrious and great nation.

## LOCAL & GENERAL

**Pope's Birthday.**—Thousands of congratulatory telegrams arrived at the Vatican in commemoration of the double Papal anniversary on March 2nd—the 72nd birthday of the Pope and the ninth anniversary of his election.

Professor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, personal physician to the Pope said that the Holy Father would celebrate his birthday in "excellent health." He saw the Pontiff on March 1st. "I found the Holy Father in excellent shape," he said. "His heart is strong and regular, his pulse is good and he has lost all signs of a troublesome cold in the chest, which caused some concern last year."

No special observances were held at the Vatican although all offices were closed and Papal and Vatican flags flew from all buildings.

**When Madhu Matha Comes to Adakala Matha.**—A meeting of the Parishioners of Our Lady of Refuge was held on Sunday the 4th inst. to consider ways and means of welcoming the penitential Virgin to the Parish Church. Several resolutions were passed each one of which stressed that Mary's Mission meant chiefly Prayer and Penance. Since the route to the Church and back is to be the longest among the town Churches any halt anywhere en route was ruled out as being not in keeping with spirit of Prayer and Penance. Internal conversion and not external decoration was insisted on.

**Obituary.**—The news of the death of Mr. L. Amirthanatha Pillai of Mathagal, the father of Revd. Fr. L. A. Singarayer, O.M.I., of Colombogam, reached us at noon on Tuesday the 6th inst. Mr. Amirthanatha Pillai has been a highly respected member of the Mathagal Parish and a Tamil Scholar of no mean merit. Posterity will remember him for his production of a model book on prosody which embraces all types of poetic composition in Tamil. Our condolence is due to the Revd. Fr. L. A. Singarayer and the other members of the family of the deceased.

**Personal.**—We congratulate Mr. Andrew James Joseph, the son of the late Mr. James Joseph, District Judge, Jaffna on his brilliant success in the Ceylon Civil Service Examination. Mr. A. J. Joseph, who secured the first place in order of merit is an Old Boy of St. Joseph's College, Colombo. He passed the B.A. (Hons.) Examination in History of the University of Ceylon and was on the University Staff of Lecturers. Another Josephian to become a Civil servant is Mr. P. Kasilingam to whom also we extend our congratulations.

—We are glad to learn that Mr. Alfred Edward, the eldest son of Mr. J. Alfred, Chief Clerk, Urban Council, Jaffna, has passed the Ceylon Civil Service Examination securing the 4th place in order of merit.

Mr. Edward is the grandson of the late Mr. A. John, the veteran Headman of Jaffna Town. The young Civil Servant is an old boy of St. Patrick's College where he had a brilliant career in the field of studies and sports.

We wish him further successes and a more brilliant career in the service of Ceylon.

### The North-Ceylon Tennis Meet.

—The North-Ceylon Tennis Meet held by the Jaffna United Club took place last week. There was a large number of entries. The following are the names of the finalists and runners up:

Open Singles: Dr. F. Ratnesar.  
Runner-up: Mr. C. Ponrajah.  
Handicap Singles A: Dr. F. Ratnesar.  
Runner-up: Mr. K. Sebastiampillai.  
Handicap Singles B: Mr. B. P. Coomaraswamy.  
Runner-up: Mr. B. Bhuvanendiran.  
Open Doubles: Messrs. B. J. D. N. Selvadurai and F. Ratnesar.  
Runners-up: Messrs. C. Ragunathan and C. Ponrajah.  
Handicap Doubles: Messrs. A. Rajasingham and Ponrajah.  
Runners-up: Messrs. S. Sabaratnam and S. Jaganathan.  
Mixed Doubles: Miss Karthigesu and Mr. B. J. D. N. Selvadurai.

Runners up: Dr. (Miss) Koshi and Dr. F. Ratnesar.

Mr. D. Saverimuttu was Referee of the Meet.

Mr. R. R. Nalliah, J.P., President of the Club presided and Mrs. Nalliah gave away the prizes.

**Ten New Civil Servants.**—The Public Service Commission announces that the following candidates secured the first ten places in order of merit in the open competitive examination of 1947 (held in January 1948) for Cadetships in the Ceylon Civil Service:

1. Andrew James Joseph.
2. Basil Menlis.
3. Adrian St. Valentine Wijemanne.
4. Alfred Edward.
5. Seneviratna Banda Senanayake.
6. Edmund Mahinda Wijenaike.
7. Ronald Joseph Godfrey De Mel.
8. Peethamaram Kasilingam.
9. Oswin Raine Wright.
10. Nissanka Parakrama Wijerathne.

**Magazine for Every Home.**—A new Catholic monthly magazine 'Light,' established by the Bishop of Ballarat, Australia, will, according to the directions of the Bishop, be posted each month to every Catholic home in the diocese, so that all families will receive it, whether they pay for it or not. A bright, attractively designed and printed twenty four-page magazine, 'Light,' is edited by Revd. James McNerny, recently returned from a visit to Britain and the U.S.A.

## OBITUARY

We regret to record the death of Revd. Fr. A. S. Joseph, O.M.I., B.A., (Dip. Ed.), Rector, St. Antony's College, Kays at an early age of 42 in the General Hospital, Colombo where he had gone for an operation for Hernia. The operation itself was successful and Fr. Joseph was reported to be progressing satisfactorily when on Sunday night pneumonia set in, and it took a sharp and unexpected turn for the worse resulting in his death.

Before his death His Grace the Most Revd. Dr. T. B. Cooray, O.M.I., Archbishop of Colombo, Very Revd. Father Bochenfer, O.M.I., the Visitor-General and the Vicar-General of the Archdiocese of Colombo visited the patient and Fr. Claude Lawrence, O.M.I., administered the last Sacraments.

The remains of the dearly departed priest were brought to the Cathedral, Jaffna, where it lay in state the whole of Tuesday after a Pontifical Requiem High Mass. The funeral which took place in the evening was attended by the priests of the Diocese, the nuns of the Holy Family and Immaculate Conception Convents, the Sisters from the Home for the Aged and the Civil Hospital, Jaffna and numerous relations and friends from Sillalai, Narantham and Kays and the carriage was drawn by the staff and students of St. Antony's College.

The loss of Fr. Joseph at so promising an age and almost at the very inception of very fruitful service is colossal indeed to the Diocese. His death has left a void that can hardly be filled. Our sincerest sympathies go to His Lordship the Bishop to whom the blow is as hard to bear as it is severe to the Diocese and especially to St. Antony's College.—(Cor)

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desire to bring savings to their very door in this manner. It is expected that about 3,000 such helpers will be appointed so that every part of the Island will be fully served. Authorised Helpers will be appointed by the Commissioner, National Savings Movement or Government Agents or Assistant Government Agents who are also Chairmen of the District Savings Committees. They will be provided with a proper letter of authority signed by the Appointing Officer which the public can always request to see so as to ensure their bona fides. Authorised Helpers will operate in prescribed areas and will transact their business at a particular Post Office to which they will be attached.

The first purchase of a 12-Year Saving Certificate by an individual requires the filling up of a Declaration Card, P.O.S.C. 1a if he is 7 years and over and P.O.S.C. 2a if he is under 7 years of age. Subsequent purchases from any source requires only the production of the Holders Card which was issued at the time of the purchase or quoting of the Holder's number. Authorised Helpers will assist the public to complete the necessary forms.

A person purchasing a 12-Year Savings Certificate through an Authorised Helper should obtain an official receipt from him for the payment. Cheques will be accepted in lieu of cash if made out in favour of the Postmaster-General. The investor should also indicate whether he wishes the certificates delivered to him by the Authorised Helper or posted. If the certificates are not received by him within a period of 15 days, a report should be made to the Commissioner, National Savings Movement or the Government Agent or Asst. Government Agent of the District.

## Check Reds Expropriate Church Land

Arrests, expropriation of large estates, suppression of newspapers and a nationwide membership drive by the dominant Communist Party are among the latest developments reported since the Communist regime began in Prague.

The new Czechoslovak Minister of Justice, Dr. Alexei Cepicka, said that about 200 persons had been arrested for offences against the State in Czechoslovakia since he took office.

Dr. Cepicka gave this information to two British Labour M.P.s now visiting Prague, Mr. R. H. S. Crossman and Colonel George Wigg.

"Penal proceedings have been opened against all of them in view of justified suspicion of offences against the State", he said, according to the Czech News Agency. "The above number does not include arrested military personnel who will be tried by military tribunals."

By a decision of the Czechoslovak Committee for Land Reform, the 20,000-acre estate of the 828-year-old Premonstratensian Order is among the 69 large and small properties expropriated.

In future only one newspaper, representing the Slovak Resistance organisations, Bojovník, will be allowed in Bratislava, the executives of the Resistance Organisation have decided. Other newspapers and magazines will be closed down.

The Premonstratensian Order, an Augustine body founded in 1120 by St. Norbert of Cleves, was named after its first abode "Premontre" at Laon, North-Eastern France.

The Order will, however, be allowed to keep 123 acres, as will the Polish Count Adam Poniatowski who held 4,000 acres.

The Czech Communist Party claims great success for its nationwide drive to enrol 2,000,000 members.

In all factories, shops and offices non-Communists are being given application forms which Party officials later collect. Meanwhile, all offices of the Czech Socialist Party and the People's Party throughout the country have been closed and sealed. Probably they will not reopen until the Communist campaign is finished.

Many Czech Socialists are reported to be joining the Communist Party, but not so many from the People's Party, which is greatly influenced by the Catholic Church.

## Gods & Demons in China

China has a population of about 480 million people and covers a large part of the globe. China is both a country where age long wisdom, art and civilization are to be found, as well as a country of gods and demons. Spirits and evil genies play an important part in the life of the average Chinaman. For centuries past, he has thought that he was constantly menaced by them and that his own happiness and that of his family was in their hands.

In a medical work 2500 years old (a kind of handbook about internal maladies and other diseases and infirmities) we find that a certain illness, frequently fatal (it refers to malaria) is caused by three demons. One of them is armed with a pail of ice-cold water which causes the victim to shiver; then comes the second with his furnace making the patient's skin burning hot, reddening his face and causing him to suffer from a high temperature; the third beats the unhappy patient's head with a hammer (in this way the author explains the inevitable headaches from which the malarial subject suffers).

To day we know that malaria is transmitted by the anophels and that this deadly can be prevented by taking a daily dose of 6 grains of quinine throughout the fever season; it can be cured by employing the short treatment (by administering daily 15 grains to 20 grains of quinine during 5 to 7 days) as advised by the Malaria-Commission of the League of Nations. On page 125 of its report (English edition) issued in 1938, this Malaria Commission, composed of eminent experts in malaria control, stresses the fact that among anti-malarial drugs, quinine still ranks first in current practice, by reason of its clinical effectiveness and almost complete absence of toxicity, coupled with the widespread knowledge of its use and dosage.

The Chinese seek to protect themselves from these evil spirits by burning incense, letting off fireworks and sticking the portraits of famous demon chasers on to the doors of the houses. In China each locality has its own gods which it worships in special temples. Moreover, every trade has its patron saint who is worshipped as a divinity.

Chinese religion is based on the writings of three great philosophers: Confucius (K'oung-fou-tse), Lao-tse and Buddha and is therefore founded on philosophical systems. But of the high-minded philosophy and profound thought of the three above-mentioned philosophers there is not much that has actually entered into the Chinese religion. And whilst we find this religion somewhat strange, yet we cannot condemn it and treat it as a silly superstition, for we frequently find its origin in ancient instincts and profoundly human sentiments. (Advt.)

## ORDER NISI

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA.

In the matter of the Estate of the late Tilliamparam Subramaniam of Nallur, Jaffna.

Deceased.

Testamentary Jurisdiction } No. 856

Subramaniam Sellathurai of Tinnevely East, Jaffna.

Petitioner.

Vs.

1. Arumugam Vallipuram and wife
2. Ponnammah and
3. Supramaniam Sivakolunthu all of Tinnevely East.

Respondents.

This matter coming on for disposal before R. R. Selvadurai Esq. District Judge, Jaffna on the 16th day of March 1948 in the presence of Messrs. Aboobacker and Sultan Proctors on the part of the petitioner and his affidavit and petition having been read:

It is ordered that Letters of Administration to the estate of the late Tilliamparam Subramaniam the deceased aforesaid be issued to the Petitioner as the eldest son of the said deceased unless the Respondents or any other person or persons shall appear before this Court on the 16th day of April 1948 and show cause to the satisfaction of this Court to the contrary.

This 16th day of March, 1948.

Sgd. R. R. SELVADURAI,  
District Judge.

Drawn by:  
Sgd. Aboobacker & Sultan,  
Proctors for Petitioner.



## The Spectre Over Europe

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democracy, liquidate the other parties, and set up a totalitarian State.

If the Socialists to the rest of Europe learn the lesson of Prague, then the Communist seizure of power from inside is impossible.

The moral is obvious. The defence against Communist expansion is not wild talk of war but a decision by Socialists to isolate Communist parties and to refuse all forms of collaboration with them. So long as the Communists are in opposition, they can only sabotage and obstruct. This is dangerous enough, but it is not deadly.

The Trojan horse did not prove fatal so long as it stood outside the walls. It was the fellow-travellers who dragged it inside the city who were responsible for the sack of Troy.—*Times of Ceylon* Friday, April 2, 1948.

## THIS IS JUSTICE

The following is a summary of Pope Pius XI's encyclical on "THE SOCIAL ORDER."

### The Cause of the Trouble

LEO said that if society were to be healed it must be healed by a return to Christian life and Christian institutions. PIUS XI repeats him. PIUS says that the present abuses—low wages, bad housing, sweated labour, immoral conditions of work, bad example, are holding men back from saving their souls. The present abuses of private ownership make a man think of nothing but getting his living. If a man can only think of getting his living he cannot think of saving his soul. If a man must give all his time to getting his living and no time to saving his soul what does it show? It shows that the moral law is neglected. Yet it is only this law that can control a man's lust after riches and power. The moral law is neglected by owners and workers. The workers neglect it because the owners neglect it. Many workers neglect the moral law because many owners have forced them to do so by conditions of work. Moral dangers in factories, bad housing conditions, and many other difficulties make the workers irreligious and ignorant of Christ's law.

### Christ's Law

Most people agree that the social order must be reformed. But the social order cannot be reformed until men reform their consciences. God must come first. This does not mean that a man may not work for gain. It is God's will that men should earn their living. It is right that men who make society richer by their work should themselves be richer. But they must use their riches according to God's laws. If men reform their consciences, they will follow God's law and seek for justice. If they follow Christ's law they will have charity. And charity will not let one man exploit another man. It is not enough strive only for justice:

there must be charity as well. Justice does no more than prevent men quarrelling; charity unites them. To bring back justice and charity is not easy. But it can be done. There are hopeful signs. Many young workers professional men and leaders of society have become keen to do something about social evils, to make the world a better place.

### How to Bring Back Christ's Law

Bishops and priests must study social questions. Bishops and priests must inspire laymen to help them. Bishops and priests must inspire the workers to become the apostles of the workers, and employers to be the apostles of employers. Bishops and priests must train all these apostles. Laymen and laywomen will become apostles by learning their faith thoroughly; by study and practical work, and especially by making retreats. If laymen and laywomen will make retreats, laymen and laywomen will be excellent Christians, real apostles filled with love of Christ, strong in faith, full of courage, aflame with zeal, eager to spread the kingdom of Christ. If Bishops and priests, workers and employers, laymen and laywomen, will be apostles, they must all work together. If Bishops and priests, workers and employers, laymen and laywomen, all work together, they can bring back Christ's law. If they bring back Christ's law all abuses will be healed.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF JAFFNA

In the matter of the estate and effects of Paramu Sathasivam late of Karainagar East.

Deceased. Testamentary } No. 428 Jurisdiction } Thangammah widow of Sathasivam of Karainagar East.

Administratrix.

Vs.

Under and by virtue of the Commission issued to me in the above case I shall sell by public auction at Karainagar East the under mentioned property on Saturday the 24th day of April 1948 commencing at 3 p.m.

Property referred to above 1

1. An undivided half share of a piece of land situated at Tangodai in Karainagar East called "Vilanai" in extent 8½ Lms. V.C. with palmyrahs and young palmyrahs and bounded on the East by the property of Viswar Kandiah, North by Sinnathamby Mutiah on the West by Road and South by the heirs of Paramu Sathasivam.

2. An undivided ¼ share of a piece of land situated at do called "Vilanai" in extent 8 Lms. V.C. with palmyrahs and bounded on the East by the property of Arumugam Ramanathan North

by Lane, West by Road, South by Sinnathamby Mutiah.

3. An undivided half share of a piece of land situated at do called "Thampai" in extent 10 Lms. P.C. and bounded on the East by the property of Thangammah widow of Sathasivam, North by Sannugam Arunasalam, West by Kasinather Ambalavanar and South by Thillaiampalam Murugesu.

4. An undivided ½ share of a piece of land situated at Kalapoomy in Karainagar East called "Inthanai" in extent 10 Lms. P.C. and bounded on the East by the property of Thangamuthu wife of Sinnakkuddy, North by Sivakami pillai widow of Kandiah and others, West by Kumaravelu Kandiah and South by Thangammah widow of Sathasivam.

5. An undivided half share of a piece of land situated at do called "Inthanai" in extent 10 Lms. P.C. with well and bounded on the East by the property of Thangamuthu wife of Sinnakkuddy, North by the heirs of Sathasivam, West by Kumaravelu Kandiah and South by Arumugam Subramaniam.

Karainagar, this 20th day of Mar, 1948  
A. S. KANDIAH,  
Commissioner.

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Applications from Government employees should be forwarded through the Heads of their respective Departments.

The selected candidate will be required to furnish cash security in Rs. 500

and his training will be at his own expense.

Applications which should be addressed to the Divisional Transportation Superintendent, C.G.R., Anuradhapura, should reach him on or before 15.4.48.

Any further particulars can be obtained at the office of the Divisional Transportation Superintendent, C.G.R., Anuradhapura.

J. E. S. BODGER,  
General Manager.

General Manager's Office,  
C.G.R., Colombo,  
17th March, 1948.

### TENDER NOTICE.

#### CEYLON GOVERNMENT RAILWAY

The Chairman, Way and Works Head Office Tender Board, will receive, at the Chief Engineer's Office, C.G.R., Macallum Road, Maradana tenders up to 12 noon on 30.4.48 (Friday) for the construction of a Bungalow at Trincomalee for the Assistant District Engineer, Railway Department.

For further particulars, please see Government Gazette of 2nd April, 1948.

Sgt. W. A. SHAW,  
Chief Engineer.

Chief Engineer's Office,  
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